

Upper Mississippi River Illinois Waterway
System Restructured
Navigation Study

Public Meetings March 12-21, 2002

Informational Public Meetings



- March 12 Peoria, IL.
- March 13 St. Louis, MO.
- March 19 Bloomington, MN.
- March 20 LaCrosse, WI.
- March 21 Davenport, IA.

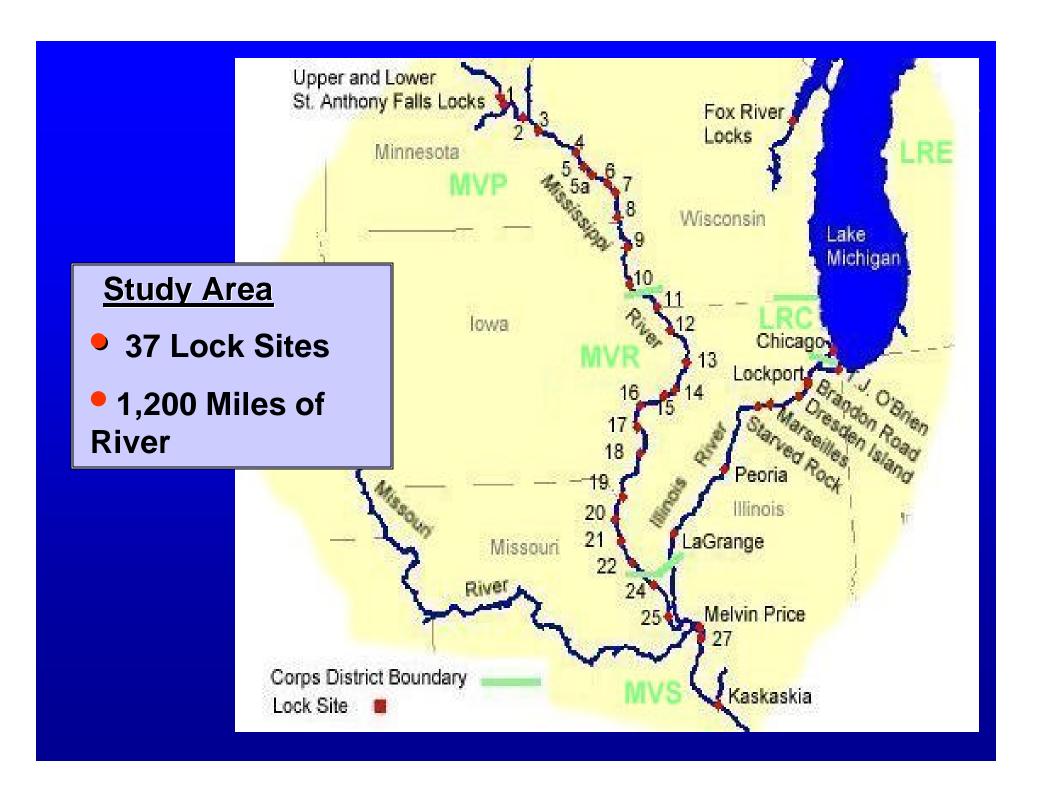
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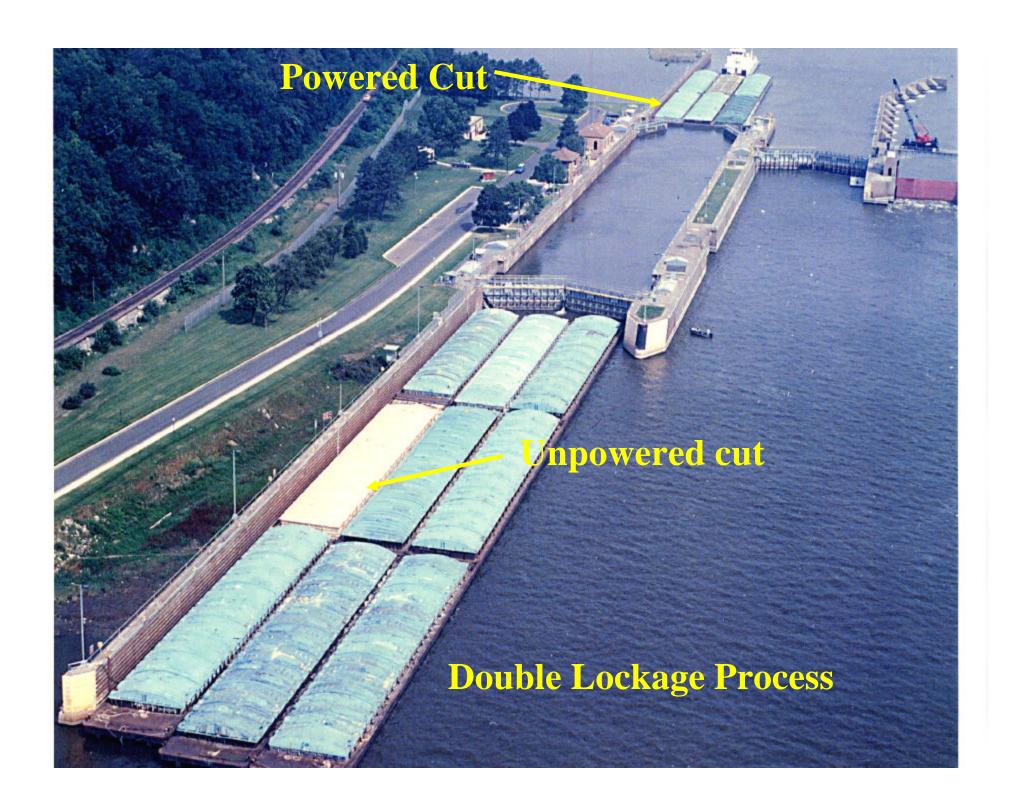
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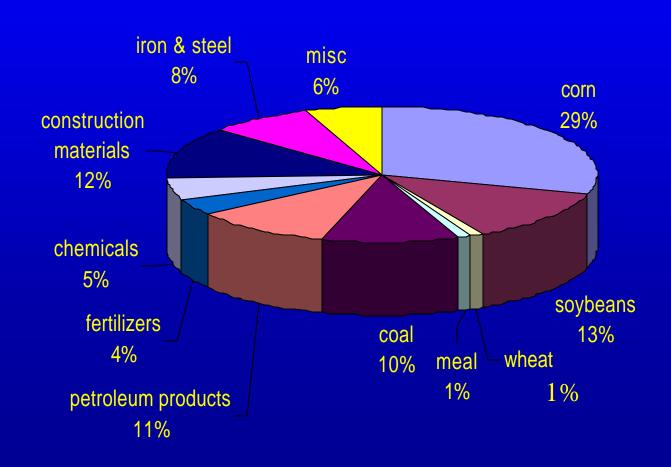






Upper Mississippi River - Illinois Waterway 2000 Traffic Distribution





Site-Specific Impacts



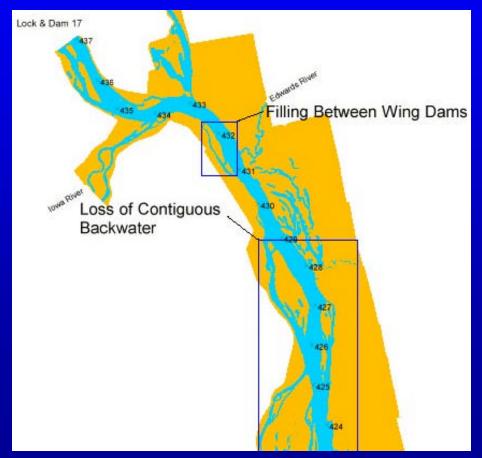


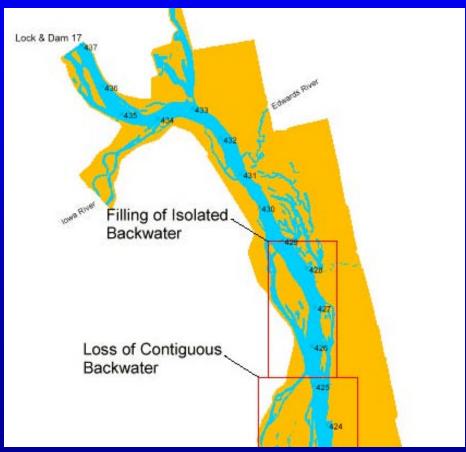
Cumulative Impacts



Historical Changes
Mississippi River - Pool 18
Post-Dam - 1989

Projected Changes
Mississippi River - Pool 18
1989 - 2050





System Impacts





- Fish
- Plants
- Mussels
- Bank Erosion
- Backwater Sediment



Public Outreach



- •Oct-Nov 1993 Public Informational Meetings (14 locations)
- •Nov 1994 Public Meetings and NEPA Scoping Meetings (8 locations)
- •Nov-Dec 1995 Public Open Houses (5 Locations)
- •Jul-Aug 1999 Public Workshops (7 Locations)



February 2000-August 2001

National Research Council(NRC)

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- •Fish and Wildlife Service
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Maritime Administration
- Department of Agriculture
- Corps of Engineers

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- •Defensible 50-year forecasts are unlikely to be achieved. Concur. Recommended scenario analysis.
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August 2001



Scope and Objectives



•Scope: Focus on authorized Federal navigation projects and the ecological and floodplain resources that are affected by these projects.

Objectives

- •Relieve lock congestion.
- •Achieve environmental sustainable system.
- •Address ecosystem, floodplain management needs related to navigation.



Stakeholders



- •Fish and Wildlife Service
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Department of Agriculture
- •Maritime Administration
- •Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa, & Missouri
- Non-Governmental Organizations

Joint ECC/NECC Meeting



• Developed common understanding of sustainability

"The balance of economic, ecological, and social conditions so as to meet the current, projected, and future needs of the Upper Mississippi River System without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs."



Original Study

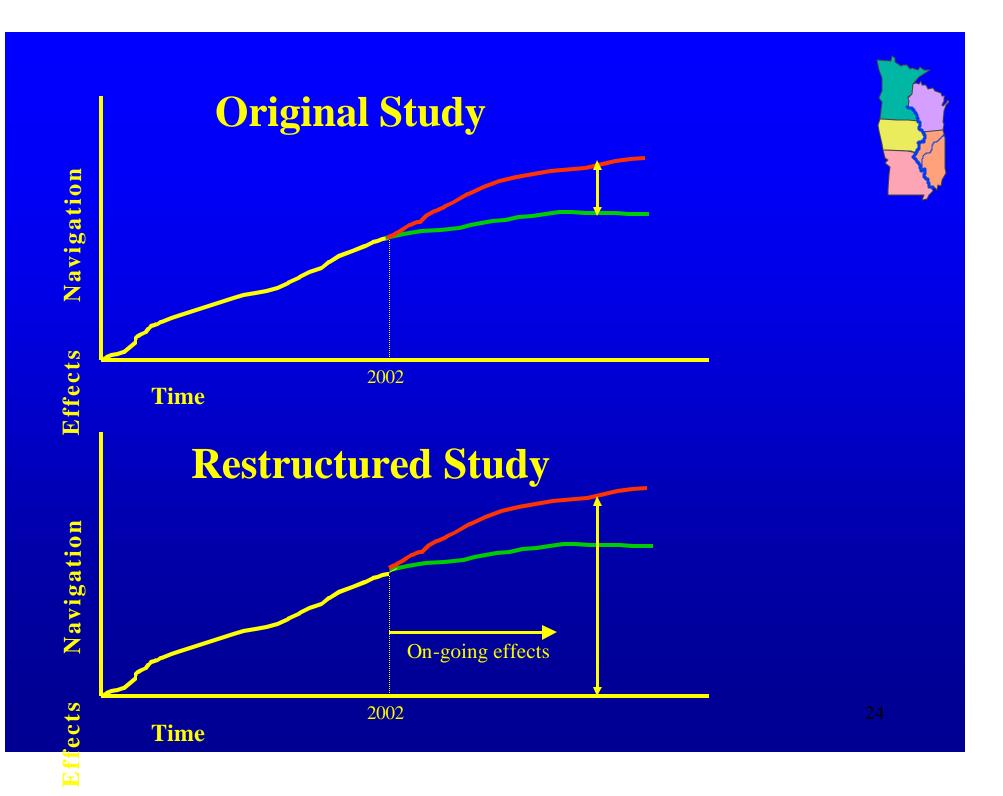
Restructured Study



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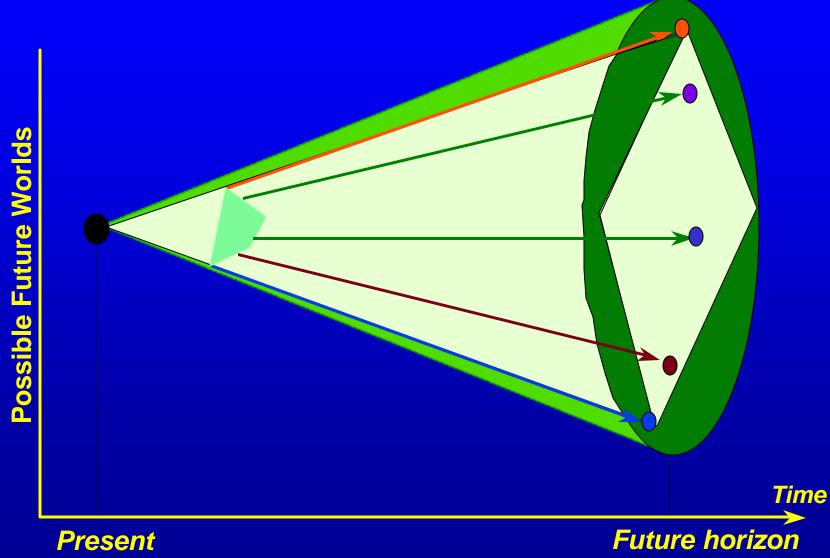
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Plausible Future Worlds





Mississippi River Traffic





Scenario Development

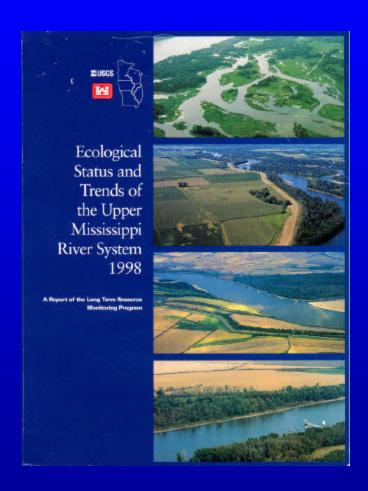


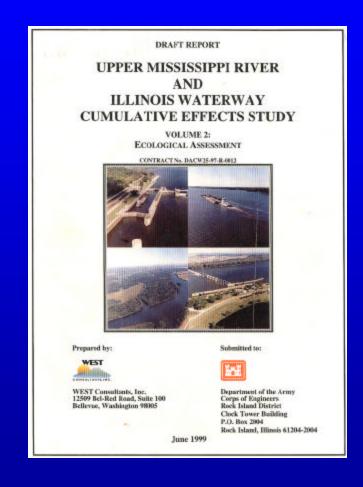
Scenario Drivers-Trends, Policies, Conditions, and Events that impact the U.S. agricultural production, utilization and export prospects.

- World Trade Drivers
- Crop Area Drivers
- Crop Yield Drivers
- Consumption Drivers

Forecasting the Future Environment

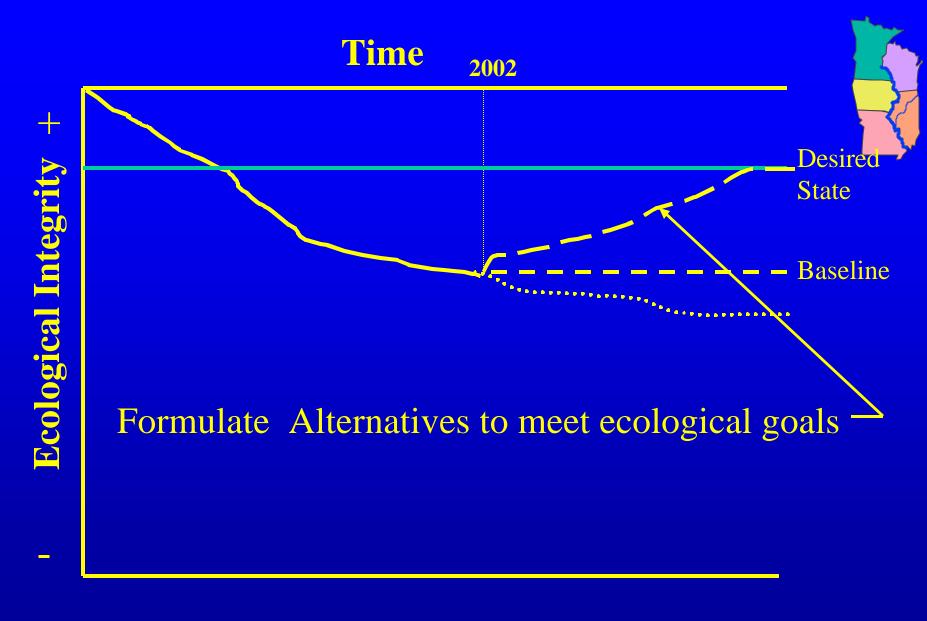






Status and Trends Report

Cumulative Effects Study



Time

Sustainable Upper Mississippi River System



Goals and Objectives

Overall Goal

•Sustainable River System

Ecosystem Goals

- Maintain native ecosystem types
- Maintain viable populations of native species
- •Restore and maintain ecological processes
- •Integrate human use within these constraints

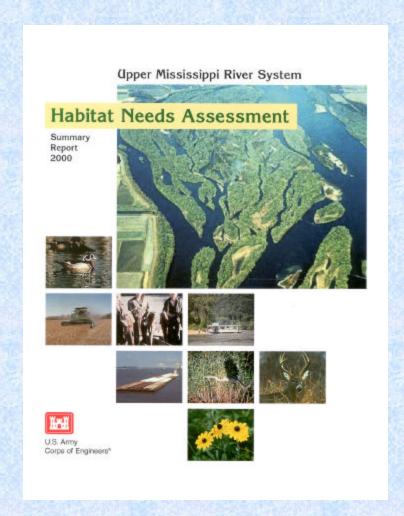
Measurable Objectives

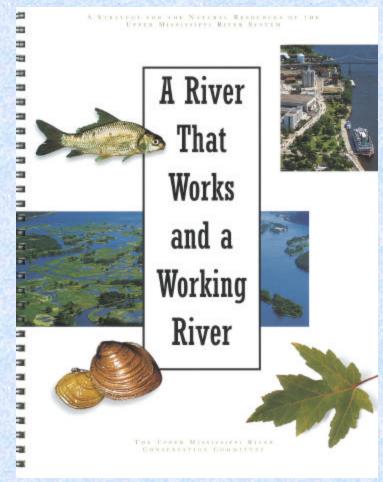
- Spatially explicit
- Quantitative
- •Time-bound



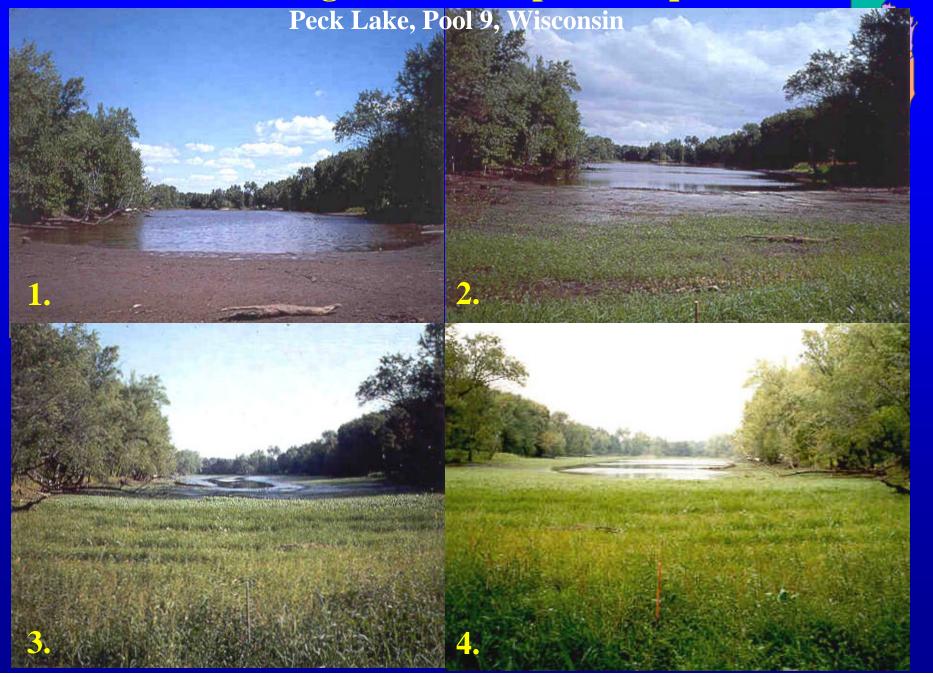
Consideration of Other System Planning Efforts







Water Level Management to Improve Aquatic Habitat



Island Protection and Restoration

Pool 8 Islands HREP Phase II, near Stoddard, Wisconsin



October 1961

August 1994

August 2000





Potential Alternatives



Alternative A

Ecosystem Improvement Measures:

•Modifications to O&M, fish passage at dams, water level management, additional backwater rehabilitation, and island protection and creation.

Navigation Improvement Measures:

•Continued O&M, periodic rehabilitation and Mooring Cells.

Potential Alternatives

Alternative M

Ecosystem Improvement Measures:

•Modifications to O&M, fish passage at dams, water level management, additional backwater rehabilitation, and island protection and creation.

Navigation Improvement Measures:

•Continued O&M, periodic rehabilitation, mooring cells, new locks, guidewall extensions plus mitigation for site specific and systemic effects.

Alternatives Assessment Matrix

Alternat ives	Future World 1	Future World 2	Future World 3	Future World 4	Future World 5
A	Yes	No	No	No	No
В	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
С	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
D	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
M	No	No	No	Yes	Yes



Interim Report-July 2002



- Restructured philosophy
- Blueprint for moving forward
- Snapshot of evaluation
- •Implementation issues
- •Recommendations??

Current Schedule

Interim Report

•Complete Draft Interim Report May 02

•Submit Interim Report to USACE July 02

Feasibility Report

•Tentative Plan Winter 03

•Public Meetings Spring 03

•Draft Feasibility Report Winter 04

•Division Commander's Notice Summer 04

•Chief's Report Fall 04



Questions?

For More Information



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